

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 70012

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

- 1. This is a request for filing a:
  - (X) Continuation Application Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)
  - ( ) Continuation-in-part Application Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)
  - ( ) Divisional Application Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)

of pending prior application no. <u>09/194,090</u> filed on <u>November 9, 1998</u> for <u>A TEST TUBE FOR BIOLOGICAL ANALYSES OF ORGANIC LIQUIDS USING ELECTRO-OPTICAL EQUIPMENT</u> wherein the inventors are:

Francesco COCOLA Antonio RICCI

Using the enclosed specification of 8 pages and 20 claims.

The entire disclosure of the above mentioned pending prior application, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. Prior Application Information:

Examiner: <u>H. Tran</u> Group/Art Unit: <u>1743</u>

## 3. X The filing fee is calculated below:

<u>CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT</u>				
	<u>FILED</u>	<u>EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Total claims	20	0	\$18/\$9	\$0.00
Independent	1	0	\$80/\$40	\$0.00

## Multiple Dependant Claims NO

Basic Filing Fee:

\$<u>710.00</u>

Total Filing Fee:

\$710.00

- 4. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-0410.
- 5.  $\underline{X}$  A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed.
- 6. \_\_\_ Cancel claims
- 7. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

  -- This is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/194,090 filed November
  9, 1998, and the entire disclosure of this prior application is considered to be
  part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby
  incorporated by reference therein.--
- 8. X Formal drawings are enclosed. [Total Sheets: 2]
- 9. X The prior application is assigned to <u>DIESSE DIAGNOSTICA SENESE S.R.L.</u>, as recorded under Reel <u>9725</u> and Frame <u>0935</u>. A copy of this assignment is enclosed and this assignment carries over to the present application.
- 10. X Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 3]
  - a. Newly Executed (original or copy)
  - b. X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
- 11. X Any Convention priority claimed in the parent application is hereby claimed for this application.

- 12. X A preliminary amendment is attached.
- 13. Small Entity status as claimed in the parent application is still proper and hereby claimed for this application. A copy of the Small Entity document from the parent application is enclosed.
- 14. ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS
  - **English Translation Document** 
    - Information Disclosure Statement/PTO Form 1449
  - Copies of IDS Citations
  - X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
  - Certified Copy of Priority Document
  - Request for Reconsideration
- 15. X CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS BELOW:

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